

Practitioner's Docket No. U 015536-8

PATENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)--
ENTRY INTO THE U.S. NATIONAL STAGE UNDER CHAPTER I

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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU02/01529 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 NOVEMBER 2002 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 JUNE 2002, et al |
| TITLE OF INVENTION BENCH GUARD | | |
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Date: October 3, 2005

- * Only the date of filing (§ 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See § 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (§ 1.10) or facsimile transmission (§ 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. 1.98(b):

- (1) *Each U.S. patent listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by inventor, patent number, and issue date.*
- (2) *Each U.S. patent application published listed in an information disclosure statement shall be identified by applicant, patent application publication number, and publication date.*
- (3) *Each U.S. application listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by the inventor, application number, and filing date.*
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- (5) *Each publication listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by publisher, author (if any), title, relevant pages of the publication, date, and place of publication.*

WARNING: *No extension of time can be had under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 (a) or (b) for filing an IDS. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(f).*

NOTE: *The "filing date of a national application" under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) has two possible meanings. Where the filing is a direct one to the United States Patent & Trademark office, the filing is defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) as "the date on which: (1) A specification containing a description pursuant to § 1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to § 1.75; and (2) any drawing required by § 1.81(a), are filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in the name of the actual inventor or inventors as required by § 1.41." 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1). On the other hand, an international application that enters the national stage occurs when the applicant has filed the documents and fees required by 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) within the periods set forth in § 1.494 or § 1.495. 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) requires the filing of the following: (1) the national fee; (2) a copy of the international application, unless already sent by the International Bureau, and an English translation if filed in another language; (3) amendments under PCT Article 19, with a translation into English if made in another language; (4) an oath or declaration; and (5) a translation into English of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if such annexes were made in another language. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(2).*

IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

NOTE: *"No certification or fee is due when the filing is made within the above time period. It is advisable to ensure that no Office action has been mailed if the disclosure statement is delayed until after three months from filing."*

NOTE: *"An information disclosure statement will be considered to have been filed on the day it was received in the Office, or on an earlier date of a mailing if accompanied by a properly executed certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8, or Express Mail certificate under 37 C.F.R. 1.10. An office action is mailed on the date indicated in the Office action." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).*

NOTE: *"The term 'national application' includes continuing applications (continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part) so three-months will be measured from the actual filing date of an application as opposed [sic] to the effective date of a continuing application." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).*

NOTE: "An action on the merits means an action which treats the patentability of the claims in an application, as opposed to only formal or procedural requirements. An action on the merits would, for example, contain a rejection or indication of allowability of a claim or claims rather than just a restriction requirements (37 C.F.R. 1.142) or just a requirement for additional fees to have a claim considered (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)). Thus, if an application was filed on Jan. 1 and the first Office action on the merits was not mailed until six months later on July 1, the examiner would be required to consider any proper information disclosure statement filed prior to July 1." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 39).

WARNING: "A petition for suspension of action to allow applicant time to submit an information disclosure statement will be denied as failing to present good and sufficient reasons, since 37 C.F.R. 1.97 provides adequate recourse for the timely submission of prior art for consideration by the examiner." Notice of July 6, 1992 (1141 O.G. 63).

If a fee is required, please charge deposit account 12-0425.



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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL
STAGE IN U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

(check and complete the following item, if applicable)

- [X] This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905).
[X] A copy of FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 accompanies this response.

WARNING: Where the items being submitted to complete the entry of the international application into the national phase are subsequent to 20 months from the priority date, the application is still considered to be in the international stage. If mailing procedures are utilized to obtain a date, the express mail procedure of 37 CFR 1.10 must be used (because international application papers are not covered by an ordinary certificate of mailing. 37 CFR 1.8(2)(xi).

NOTE: Documents and fees must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national stage under 35 USC 371. Otherwise, the submission will be considered as being made under 35 USC 111. 37 CFR 1.494(f).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10*

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(Express Mail certification is optional.)

I hereby certify that this Completion of Filing Requirements and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date October 3, 2005, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV 480 461 693 US, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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"Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

DECLARATION OR OATH

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(c): "If applicant complies with paragraph (b) of this section before expiration of **thirty months** from the priority date but omits . . . the oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and § 1.497), if a declaration of inventorship in compliance with § 1.497 has not been previously submitted in the international application under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) within the time limits provided for in PCT Rule 26ter.1, applicant will be so notified and given a period of time within which to file the . . . oath or declaration in order to prevent abandonment of the application The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required for acceptance of the oath or declaration of the inventor later than the expiration of thirty months after the priority date."

- I. (a) ☒ No original declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

OR

- (b) ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date, complete item IV(2).

NOTE: Acceptable minimums in the declaration in an ordinarily filed U.S. application for identification of the specification to which it applies are:

- (A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);
- (B) serial number and filing date;
- (C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
- (D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
- (E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. § 602, 8th ed.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 CFR 1.10(c).

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.41(a) points out that "Full names must be stated, including the family name and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial."

(complete as applicable)

Attached is a

- (a) ☐ Statement by practitioner that papers attached to declaration are a copy of those filed in PTO to get a filing date
- (b) ☐ Statement that substitute specification contains no new matter.
- (c) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (d) ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy, and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.4959(c): "If applicant complies with paragraph (b) of this section before expiration of **thirty** months from the priority date but omits . . . a translation of the international application, as filed, into the English language, if it was originally filed in another language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). . . applicant will be so notified and given a period of time within which to file the translation . . . in order to prevent abandonment of the application. The payment of the processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f) is required for acceptance of an English translation later than the expiration of **thirty** months after the priority date . . . A 'Sequence Listing' need not be translated if the 'Sequence Listing' complies with PCT Rule 12.1(d) and the description complies with PCT Rule 5.2(b)."*

- II.** ☐ Submitted herewith, is a English translation of the non-English language international application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO. (See 37 CFR 1.495(c)).

NOTE: For fee for processing a non-English application, and submission of an English translation later than 30 months after the priority date, complete item IV(3) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 CFR § 1.69(b).

FEES

III.

NOTE: See 37 CFR § 1.28(a).

1. Fees for search, exam or claims

- ☐ Non-U.S. Search Report filed —\$400.00;
small entity—\$200.00 \$_____
- ☐ No Search Report —\$500.00; small entity —\$250.00 \$_____
- ☐ Exam Fee not paid to U. S.—\$200.00; small entity—\$100.00 \$_____

- ☐ U. S. Search fee with U.S. WO or IPER conditions not satisfied—\$100.00; small entity—\$50.00 \$ _____
- ☐ U. S. Search fee with U.S. WO or IPER conditions satisfied—\$0.00 \$ _____
- ☐ Spec and drawing, each 50 pages over 100 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s)—\$250.00 \$ _____
- ☒ Each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 CFR 1.492 \$200.00; Small entity—\$100.00) \$ 400.00
- ☒ Each claim in excess of 20 (37 CFR 1.492 - \$50.00; small entity—\$25.00) \$ 75.00
- ☐ Multiple dependent claim(s) (37 CFR 1.492 - \$360.00; small entity—\$180.00) \$ _____

2. Surcharge fees

- ☒ Surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e), for accepting the declaration later than 30 months after the priority date in filing an application in the U.S. pursuant to § 1.495(c)— \$130.00; small entity—\$65.00 \$ 65.00

NOTE: The processing fee in the next item (Number 3) below is not subject to a reduction for small entity status.

3.

- ☐ Processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f), for acceptance of an English translation later than 30 months after the priority date—\$130.00 \$ _____

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01 FC:2614 400.00 OP
02 FC:2615 75.00 OP
03 FC:2617 65.00 OP

Total fees \$ 540.00

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

IV. A statement that this filing is by a small entity

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.28(a).

(check and complete applicable items)

- a. ☒ is attached.
☐ was filed on _____ (original).
☐ was made by paying a small-entity basic national filing fee

WARNING: "Small entity status must not be established unless the person or persons signing the . . . statement can unequivocally make the required self-certification." M.P.E.P. Section 509.03, 6th ed., rev. 2, July 1996 (emphasis added).

- b. ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VI. The total fee due is:

Completion fee(s) \$ 540.00
Extension fee (if any) \$ 60.00

TOTAL FEE DUE \$ 600.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

VII.

☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 600.00
☐ Charge Account No. 12-0425 in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this request is attached.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

VIII.

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges.

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3).

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 CFR 1.26(a).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper, and during the entire pendency of this application, to Account No. 12-0425.

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.492(a), (b) or (c) (search or exam fee)
☐ 37 C.F.R. 1.492 (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing, or on later presentation, must only be paid, or these claims canceled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

☒ Spec and drawing, each 50 pages over 100 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s)
☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)
☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).

WARNING: While 37 CFR 1.17(a), (b), (c) and (d) deal with extensions of time under § 1.136(a), this authorization should be made only with the knowledge that: "Submission of the appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is to no avail unless a "quest or petition for extension is filed." (Emphasis added). Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

NOTE: Section 1.311(b) provides that an authorization to charge the issue fee (§ 1.18) to a deposit account may be filed in an individual application **only after the mailing of the notice of allowance**. Accordingly, general authorizations to any fees and specific authorizations to pay the issue fee that are filed prior to the mailing of a notice of allowance will generally not be treated as requesting payment of the issue fee and will not be given effect to act as a reply to the notice of allowance. Applicant, when paying the issue fee, should submit a new authorization to charge fees, such as by completing box 6b on the current PTOL 85-B form. Where no reply to the notice of allowance is received, the application will stand abandoned notwithstanding the presence of general authorizations to pay fees or a specific authorization to pay the issue fee that were submitted prior to mailing of the notice of allowance. Where an attempt is made to pay the issue fee but an incorrect amount is submitted, § 1.311(b)(1), or where the Office's issue fee transmittal form (currently PTOL-85(B)) is completed by applicant and submitted, § 1.311(b)(2), in reply to a notice of allowance, an exception will be made. Such submissions will operate as a request to charge the issue fee to any deposit account identified in a previously filed (i.e., submitted prior to the mailing of the notice of allowance) authorization to charge fees, and will be allowed to act as payment of the correct issue fee. § 1.311(b). See also the change to § 1.26(b), Notice of September 8, 2000, Fed. Reg. 54603-54683, at 54646 and 54647.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity

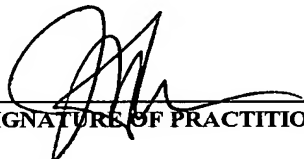
[] 37 C.F.R. 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or an English translation of an international application later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date)

WARNING: It is suggested that you always check this last authorization.

[X] Refund any overpayment to deposit account 12-0425

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